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A Brief Historical Sketch of Olivet African Methodist Episcopal Church

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Divinely granted under the blessings of God, Olivet A. M. E. Church was organized in the year 1870 by the Rev. J. Bundy, who became its first pastor.

The first trustees were Farrow Powell, James Jackson, and James Hurst, who purchased the site on which the present building now stands, in 1871. This organization became a legal entity by articles of association as required by the discipline of the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

Shortly thereafter the first building was erected. In the meantime the congregation wor-

shipped in the old Lafayette School, now demolished.

The present building was erected in 1916-1917, during the administration of the late Rev. C. Emery Allen, and was dedicated September 9, 1917, during the session of the Michigan Annual Conference, presided by the lamented Right Rev. C. S. Smith, then Bishop of the Fourth Episcopal District.

Since its inception Olivet Church has directed its program of activities toward the religious and social improvement of local Negro residents. For many years after its founding it was the only center for their social, civic and religious life.

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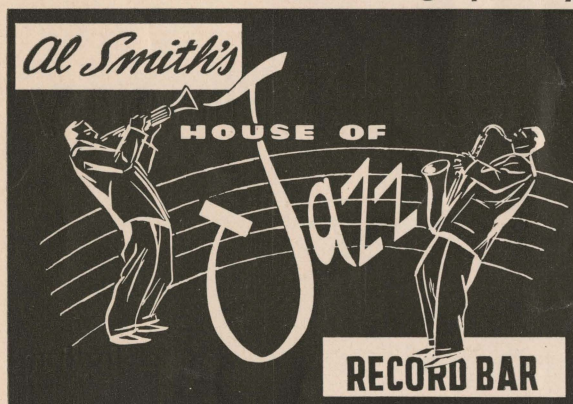
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We believe that we are demonstrating quite obviously that God helps those who help themselves. Yet our needs are great and there is every opportunity for those who would share with us as we dedicate ourselves toward a better community.

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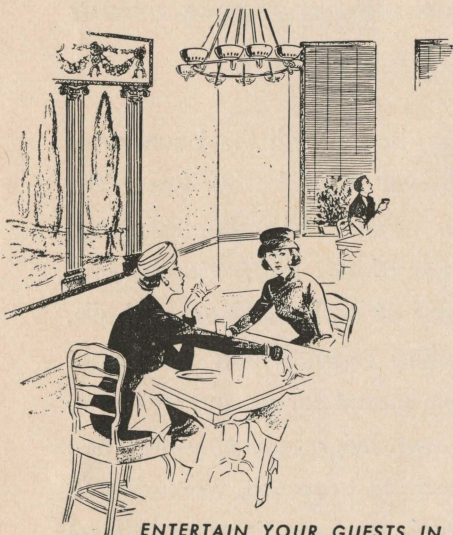
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Programme



Note: Our talented artist does not find it necessary to follow a formalized program outline because this tends to take away the naturally inborn qualities she desires to communicate to her audience. However, listed below are many of the songs Miss Jackson will probably sing:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

HOLY BIBLE

IN MY HOME OVER THERE

I'VE FOUND THE ANSWER

OUT OF THE DEPTH

DIDN'T IT RAIN

CHRISTIAN DUTY

HOW GREAT THOU ART

I'M GOING TO LIVE THE LIFE I SING ABOUT

HE'S GOT THE WHOLE WORLD IN HIS HAND

DOWN BY THE RIVERSIDE

JUST AS I AM

I BELIEVE

BLESS THIS HOUSE

ABOUT OUR ARTIST

The remarkable Miss Mahalia Jackson was born in New Orleans, the home of blues and Dixieland music. From the age of five, she sang in her father's church choir. Though her interests ranged from blues to opera, her great love was sacred music. The rest is musical history. Miss Jackson made a recording entitled "Move On Up A Little Closer" for a small recording company. Two million copies later, it had revolutionized the gospel singing field. Today her records are among the best-selling anywhere. Mahalia takes her religion seriously; she has refused fabulous offers to sing in night clubs. She has appeared on all the leading television shows and sung in concert halls throughout the world. Her singing transcends all religious and language barriers. Yes, a truly memorable experience awaits all audiences of this, her latest concert tour!

"There are certain women singers who possess, beyond all the boundaries of our admiration for their art, an uncanny power to evoke our love. We warm with pleasure at mere mention of their names; their simplest songs sing in our hearts like the remembered voices of old dear friends, and when we are lost within the listening anonymity of darkened concert halls, they seem to seek us out unerringly. Standing regal within the bright isolation of the stage, their subtlest effects seem meant for us and us alone; privately, as across the intimate space of our own living rooms. And when we encounter the simple dignity of their immediate presence, we suddenly ponder the mystery of human greatness. Mahalia Jackson (is one of these) . . . who reminds us that while not all great singers possess this quality, those who do, no matter how obscure their origin, are soon claimed by the world as its own."

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